Austin City Council Item ID: 6314 RCA - Purchasing Meeting Date: April 21, 2011 Purchasing Department: Subject Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD., Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 176 police patrol sedans in an amount not to exceed \$4,417,986.32. Amount and Source of Funding Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Services. Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached. Purchasing Cooperative Purchase Language: Prior Council Action: For More Information: Boards and Commission Action: This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned MBE / WBE: Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

Additional Backup Information

Related Items:

This contract is for the purchase of 17 new and 159 replacement Ford Crown Victoria police sedans. The vehicles in this purchase would ordinarily be scheduled for purchase in Fiscal Year 2011- 2012; however, Ford Motor Company will no longer manufacture the Crown Victoria after August 31, 2011. Therefore, it is necessary to accelerate the purchase and place an order no later than the end of April to ensure availability to the City.

Although the Austin Police Department (APD) is in the process of evaluating several police vehicles to replace the Crown Victoria, they have not identified a replacement. This is because the vehicles will not be available for road testing until the end of 2011 and the evaluation will require an in-depth analysis and lengthy study of all available options. Purchasing these vehicles in the prior-year budget, will sustain APD's fleet requirements until an acceptable replacement can be identified.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.